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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8048

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 1491

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR

SUBJECT: LOS/ GNZ POSITION ON ARCHIPELAGOES

REF STATE 097509

1. FOLLOWING MY INSTRUCTIONS, DCM ON 14 MAY SPOKE TO SCOTT  
(NO. 3 MFA) PER REFTEL. AFTER GOING OVER REFTEL HE GAVE SCOTT  
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A) GIST REFTEL; (B) WORLD MAP SHOWING PRESENT MARITIME  
ROUTES FROM NZ TO US AND UK, AND ROUTES WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED  
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IF 200 MILE ZONE BECAME INTERNATIONAL LAW; (CL GIST OF DEPARTMENT'S

A-1666; (D) DEPTTEL 097509, MAY 13, 1974; (E) REPRINT

"PREPARATION FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE" (AM. JOURNAL INT. LAW, VOL. 68, NO. 1, JANUARY 1974); AND (F) LIST OF STRAITS AND NARROWS AFFECTED BY SIX AND TWELVE MILE LIMITS.

2. DCM EXPLAINED TO SCOTT THAT IN ARCHIPELAGIC MATTERS FREEDOM OF TRANSIT HAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MEANING THAN INNOCENT PASSAGE, EXPLAINED HOW FAR US PREPARED TO GO AS SET FORTH PARAS 4-7 REFTTEL, SAID WE WERE NOT ASKING FOR GNZ POSITION TODAY AND FELT GNZ COULD PLAY USEFUL ROLE VIS-A-VIS ITS AUSTRALIAN AND INDONESIAN

FRIENDS IN MATTER WHICH WAS AS IMPORTANT AS IT WAS COMPLEX. DCM CONCLUDED THAT HE PLANNED PROVIDE PRECISELY SAME INFORMATION TO SECRETARY DEFENCE ROBERTSON 15 MAY TO AVOID RISK ANY MISUNDERSTANDING US POSITION BY ANY IMPORTANT PART GNZ.

3. SCOTT EXPRESSED GRATITUDE THAT DCM HAD NOT REQUESTED IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION GNZ POSITION SINCE IT DID NOT HAVE ONE. GNZ NOW WORKING ON IT. WHILE SCOTT INDICATED HE BELIEVED GNZ HAD BEEN MOVING WITH RESERVATIONS TOWARD AN ARCHIPELAGIC POSITION RESEMBLING GOA AND GOI, HE AGREED THAT GNZ WOULD CONSULT WITH US BEFORE REACHING POSITION. SCOTT WELCOMED INFO PROVIDED (SUPRA) ALL OF WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVIDED GNZ BY NAVAL ATTACHE AND POLITICAL OFFICER, BUT WHICH SCOTT HAD NOT SEEN.

4. HE ASKED IF US EXPERTS AVAILABLE. DCM REPLIED EMBASSY HAD TWO, THE AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD GAINED CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT WHILE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ISA, AND THE NAVAL ATTACHE, AND THAT ANY FURTHER INFO OR ARGUMENTS NEEDED COULD BE IMMEDIATELY SUPPLIED BY WASHINGTON. SELDEN

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